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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06753.0439

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Takahiro Abe et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 2137 |
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| Application No.: 09/822,459 |) | Examiner: Tremayne M. Norris |
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| Filed: April 2, 2001 |) | |
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| For: Stream Enciphering Method, |) | Confirmation No.: 8959 |
| Deciphering Method and |) | |
| Cryptographic Communication |) | |
| System |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, the period for response having been extended to February 21, 2005 (a Federal Holiday) by a request for extension of one month's time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.